
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE PLAN TO REPAIR ALL PUBLIC HOUSING
UNITS IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the current fiscal climate has resulted in high
2 unemployment rates, with many families losing income sources;
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5 WHEREAS, without viable sources of income, these families
6 have been unable to pay for housing costs, dramatically
7 increasing the homeless population and the need for reasonably-
8 priced public housing; and
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10 WHEREAS, even without the additional strain on the public
11 housing system caused by the economy, there is a significant
12 wait list for available public housing units; and
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14 WHEREAS, the availability of clean, safe, and decent
15 housing can play a significant role in an individual's emergence
16 from poverty; and
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18 WHEREAS, according to the January 2010 "State Occupancy
19 Report," only 24 of 364 vacant units were "rent ready" and
20 available for immediate occupancy; and
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22 WHEREAS, including those units that are currently occupied,
23 much of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) inventory
24 of affordable housing projects is nearly 60 years old and in a
25 state of disrepair and deterioration; and
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27 WHEREAS, the State's limited fiscal resources have been
28 compounding the problem of deteriorating public housing, as
29 cost-cutting efforts have resulted in both the acquisition of
30 minimal quality infrastructure and an inability to maintain that
31 infrastructure on an ongoing basis; and



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1 WHEREAS, HPHA's current five-year plan, approved by the
 2 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
 3 includes provisions to improve the tenant rent collection to
 4 allow for more repair and renovation of existing public housing
 5 units; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that HPHA Board, in its
 8 efforts to provide lower income families with decent, safe, and
 9 sanitary housing, has been actively exploring ways to accomplish
 10 the renovation and repair of the State's public housing
 11 inventory; now, therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 14 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 15 of 2010, that this body urges the Hawaii Public Housing
 16 Authority to develop and implement a sustainable plan to repair
 17 all public housing units in need of maintenance; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HPHA is urged to consider ways
 20 in which necessary renovations and maintenance may be undertaken
 21 at reduced or no cost through collaboration with the Department
 22 of Public Safety, the construction trades, and other relevant
 23 entities; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
 27 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of Directors, and the
 28 Director of Public Safety.

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